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Letter dated 3 April 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to document A/67/742-S/2013/95, dated 20 February 2013, in which the outcome documents of the twelfth session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Summit, held in Cairo from 2 to 7 February 2013, were circulated to the membership of the United Nations at the request of Egypt, in its capacity as Chair of the Summit. It is noted that the aforementioned documents are circulated under a wide range of items on the agenda of the General Assembly and the Security Council, including the "Question of Cyprus".

This leaves me no choice but to recall that the only competent international organization to deal with the substance of the Cyprus problem is the United Nations, under whose auspices efforts to reach a comprehensive settlement are under way.

I wish to also emphasize that the principal documents on the situation in Cyprus are those issued by the Security Council and the General Assembly, which guide the actions of the international community on Cyprus since 1964, specifically, Security Council resolution 186 (1964). I am also obliged to recall landmark subsequent resolutions, particularly General Assembly resolutions 3212 (1974) and 37/253 and Security Council resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984).

The United Nations decisively calls on all States to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus. Proclamations, therefore, on the situation in Cyprus ought to follow this line, especially by organizations that are observers to the work of the General Assembly and seek to enhance their cooperation with the United Nations, like the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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